

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1 and 6-10, 12-20, 22 and 23 remain in the application. Claims 2-5 were cancelled previously. Claims 11 and 21 are cancelled with this amendment. Independent claims 1 and 14 have been amended to define the invention more clearly. Additionally, the claims have been amended to ensure consistent use of terminology.

The Examiner had previously objected to the drawings and required FIG. 2b to be identified as prior art. In fact, FIG. 2b was identified as prior art. However, the Replacement Sheet also inadvertently identified FIG. 2a as prior art. The original specification defines FIG. 1 as being “a view in section of a door according to the invention.” The original specification also identified FIG. 2a as “a detailed side view of this door” referring back to the FIG. 1 depiction. The previously amended identification of FIG. 2a as prior art was inadvertent. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to enter the attached Replacement Sheet so that the Replacement Sheet of drawings conforms to the original disclosure and description of the figures.

Claims 1 and 6-23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the newly cited Pettersson et al. reference. The Examiner identified the component of Pettersson et al. that were considered to correspond to the claims existing prior to this amendment.

The Pettersson et al. reference relates to a door with elongate panels with open opposite transverse ends. End pieces 22, 62 are provided with “a configuration matching that of the main profile section of the door panel” and are “inserted into the door panel end”. Thus, the Pettersson et al. arrangement requires specially manufactured panels and correspondingly configured end pieces with “a configuration matching that of the

main profile section of the door panel" so that the specially configured end pieces can be "inserted into the door panel end".

In sharp contrast to Pettersson et al., the invention defined by the amended claims has panels with "two opposite substantially parallel transverse surfaces that extend between the interior and exterior walls and the longitudinal edges and that are aligned substantially parallel to the direction of movement of the respective panels." The pivot elements defined by the amended claims "are connected to external areas of the substantially parallel transverse surfaces of the panels." As a result, the pivot elements do not require a special "configuration matching" the hollow profile of the corresponding panel and are not "inserted into the door panel end" as required by Pettersson et al. The Pettersson et al. reference would have to be redesigned significantly to be brought closer to the claimed invention. In this regard, the redesign that would be required for Pettersson et al. is not suggested in the reference and would be inconsistent of the teaching of the reference. Accordingly, it is submitted that the Pettersson et al. does not teach or suggest the invention defined by the amended claims.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims remaining in the application are directed to patentable subject matter, and allowance is solicited. However, Examiner urged to contact applicant's attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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